Agenda Action Item: IV.B.

Trade & Industrial Education: Audio Technology, Automotive Technology and Collision Repair

The Background:

Curriculum standards are mandated by Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education (Section 0520-1-3-.05, Requirement D). The Trade & Industrial standards included with this submission are consistent with nationally accepted standards and recommendations from business and industry.

The courses Audio Technology I and II will help prepare a student to become a digital recording engineer, a growing occupation in a variety of fields, including the recording industry. The standards are designed to articulate with courses at the postsecondary level.

In the Automotive Technology and Collision Repair fields, current standards were approved at the January 2005 State Board meeting. National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) has since updated its automotive standards. The new standards submitted incorporate the NATEF automotive updates. Additionally, the revised highlighted standards show upper levels of NATEF standards in the automotive and collision repair areas that NATEF-certified programs teach for additional articulation credit.

The Recommendation:

The Division of Vocational-Technical Education of the State Department of Education recommends the adoption of the submitted standards for Trade & Industrial Education on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.